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## EDITOR'S NOTES

I plan on devoting part of this column to report match and show dates. In order to be effective, all members receiving or having knowledge of any information regarding matches and shows, are requested to forward them to the editor as early as possible

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All members are encouraged to forward any material that they think might be of interest to the club. They will be included, as space permits, in forthcoming issues of the paper. Several interesting items are included in this issue.

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I would personally like to encourage more members to attend our monthly meetings. The club has had some very interesting and important meetings over the past several months. The major reason for joining the club has been to gain knowledge of OUR breed. The only way to gain knowledge is to be where the action is - at the meetings. You will be advised shortly of the next meeting date and time. Try and reserve that time for the PAHC. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

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It has been announced that Mr. Ellsworth Gamble will judge Afghans at the International Kennel Club Show in Chicago on April 6 and 7. Closing date is March 19.

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## FROM MARYLAND, NORTH AND WEST by Ray Kelly II

Hi friends,

The 1968 show season has gotten off to a great start with the parent club (Afghan Hound Club of America) Specialty in New York. This year PAHC members made a pretty good representation. Glancing around the ring-side, I spotted PAHC members from Virginia to New York and to Hawaii. Among the spectators were the Wrights, Walmsleys, Horns, Guedels, Blancos, La Grecas, Jane Slusher, Lynne Schanzle, Pat Dirks, Leo Murphy, Flo Johannsen, Wally Pede, Joe Cannon, Nancy Leuba, Bill Moore, Joe Kluchinski, Jane Howey and yours truly. We were all happy to see Wally who flew in from Hawaii for the show

This years show site offered several advantages over previous sites. The Terrace Ballroom of the Statler-Hilton is located on the first floor, eliminating the elevator problem. The sunken ring afforded a better view of the ring and benching in the same room make it easier for the exhibitors to see what was going on.

There were a total of 125 dogs with 133 entries (60 dogs, 44 bitches, 19 specials, 1 veteran dog and 1 brood bitch) for Mr. Cyrus K. Rickle to judge. These dogs represented the finest kennels across the country. Mr. Rickle kept the appointment in

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## HOUND CLOWN SPEAKING

by Joan Blanco

Well the big Parent Specialty and the Garden are now topics of the past but still in our minds. I attended the dinner of the Afghan Hound Club of America, the night prior to the specialty, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel. The dinner was wonderful and everyone so friendly. The specialty was so very exciting and so many lovely Afghans.

Before I go further, the Statler-Hilton is right next to the new Garden, so get your reservations for rooms in real early as they will be scarce. We made ours for next year while in New York.

I saw so many of our fine PAHC members at the specialty, Leo Murphy, Joe Cannon, Jane Slusher, Lynne Schanzle, Ray Kelly, Pat Dirks, Derek and Doreen Walmsley, our own LtCol. Wally Pede without Kay to our sorrow, Roy and Midge Horn, Martha and Fred Wright, Tom Adams and G. B. Purcell.

Speaking of Tom Adams and G. B. Purcell, it was their first specialty, so imagine their joy at getting 2nd in the large class 9 to 12 month dogs with their male Stumpy Acres Silver Svenghali.

Don't know who was most shook up, your Hound Clown or Joe Cannon, when Diane Blanco won a major at the Garden with his Stumpy Acres Silver Sandals. Possibly it was me, for I never dreamed of such a happening. I also have a crowd phobia. Even after 17 years at shows, I still feel like an insignificant ant at the Garden in all that smoke, noise and crowds. Fun though.

Although it didn't snow in N.Y., Diane and I took in some shows down south, and it snowed in Tallahassee, Florida.

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At the V.K.C. match in Richmond, our PAHC members did rather well. Stumpy Acres had several firsts in puppys and Joe Cannon went Winners Dog with his pup, Cannonade Spellbreaker. Jan Williams and Martha Wrights lovely cream girl, Alcozas Sheba Won, went Best of Winners. There's WON who is a sure fire winner, and Jan does a swell pilot job with her.

There are lots of spring matches and shows popping up to delight the fancier and his Afghan love. Lots of lovely new Afghan pups making their debut this spring to their proud owners delight and also some new litters. I saw some pictures of Jane Slushers litter - such blues... wow ... wait until they start getting purple (ribbons of course).

Gee Whizzzzz, I wish somebody would write me some news. All it would have taken was a post card and your news and name would be here. I know dog gone well someones Afghan did something. It had to be by the law of averages. There has got to be news, so send me some.

Saw one of our nice new members, Mildred Koplow at the Garden. She is absolutely a real dog lover.

Hope all you members are paid up and ready for the big new election of officers. As this club is so chock full of wonderful folks with wonderful dogs, "68" should be a wonderful year. Lets all pull together with fellowship, and companionship and sail on the biggest ship in the world, FRIENDSHIP.

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several moments of suspense as he gave his final once-over before making his placings. Winning the OB class and WB was Mandith Golden Fleece, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Cashion, WD and BOW was Martha Ryans Kafton of Tajalon. Several of the beautifully groomed specials could have taken BOB, but Mr. Riskel's choice was Ch. Dahnwood Gabriel, superbly handled and groomed by Michele Leathers and owned by the Feltons of Marietta, Ga.

Jane Slusher and Jane Howey are to be commended for their fine showmanship. They were the only PAHC members showing that day. Jane Howey placed second in the Amer. Bred dog class with her Ballywalsh Shubba.

The Afghan Hound judging at the Westminster Show was particularly exciting to PAHC members. There were 51 Afghan Hounds entered (13 dogs, 15 bitches and 23 specials). Mr. Alva Rosenberg judged. Jan's Goldfinger came from the Amer. Bred dog class right on to BOW. The excitement for PAHC members came when Mr. Rosenberg chose Joe Cannon's Stumpy Acres Silver Sandals first in the OB class and WB. Diane Bianco was handling Sandals when the judge made his choice. I am sure that by now, Joe, Joan and Diane (the breeders) have been fully congratulated by all of us. Joe, it was a great win. We wish you many more. BOS went to Ch. Karistan's Shirka of Grandeur co-owned by Joe Kluchinsky and Sunny Shay.

Best Afghan Hound went to Ch. Artemus of Province, a sound, well structured dog, owned by Jane Jantos. "Artie" also placed fourth in the Group.

Unfortunately, I was unable to see the group judging, braces, or best in show.

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However, it has been reported to me that the events were spectacular with hundreds of enthusiastic spectators. Perhaps we can all see it on T.V. in the near future.

Derek and Doreen Walmsley gave a delightful cocktail and buffet party for their weekend guests, Virginia Burch and Georgiana Guthrie. Both are from California and showed at the specialty (N.Y.). Not only were Virginia and Georgiana very charming, but they are also well versed in the breed, especially the dogs found way back in our pedigrees. Virginia had the undivided attention of all as she told of several West Coast Afghans that we had never seen.

Tom and Phyllis Jeffreys were so kind to bring Cleo, an offspring of their original Afghan Hounds from Afghanistan. Cleo is a very elegant and houndy bitch, bearing a strong resemblance to the Afghans bred in the states today.

After the deliciously prepared buffet, complete with chocolate cake with whipped cream, Derek showed movies he had taken of several PAHC shows and other kennel club shows. The evening was most enjoyable and will be, I am sure, long remembered by all. The Walmsleys were most gracious hosts, showing us the warm hospitality of the English.

Flo Johannsen has just returned from Hawaii. She visited with the Pedes while there. I understand that she enjoyed her stay so much that she plans to live there for at least a year. With the cold weather we've been having around here, I'm sure that it wouldn't take much effort to get several others to join you.

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Jane Slusher is playing nurse maid to a litter of Afghan pups for the second time. Shena gave birth to a beautiful, healthy litter of eight pups. The sire is Ch. Khalife of Grandeur. We will be looking forward to seeing them in the spring matches.

The spring shows will soon be hitting us with full force. Be sure that you start grooming and conditioning your Afghans N-O-W, if you have not started already. Above all, check your entry closing dates and please, try to make the shows. With all of the dogs in the area, each show could be a major.

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At a recent meeting, Lynne Schanzle provided us with some information about a dog training class which is being conducted in the Washington area. Anyone desiring to participate or obtain information should contact Mr. Ben Dale, Tri Town Dog Training Assoc. 11305 Mitscher St. Kennington, Md. The phone number is 301-933-5676.

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FLASH...The response to the symposium on juvenile cataracts has been so great, attendance has been limited to 150 people. Contact Roy Horn immediately if you wish to attend. The fee is \$5.00.

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JHABHUL KENNEL

announces

the arrival of their new litter - 3 boys and

5 girls whelped Dec. 17, 1967

blues, blacks, creams and B-M red

by

Ch. Khalife of Grandeur x Sha<sup>h</sup>heen of Shah-Taj

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HOUND CLOWN SPEAKING.....

I'd like to say my word of thanks and appreciation to our past editor, Beverly McCollom, who did so much for us in Ring Tales and also to John who was the actual father of this lovely little paper. They both have been so good for the paper and the club. I also would like to wish our new editor and chief, Mr. Hank Dirks, luck, fun, and success.

Now no kidding, the Hound Clown wants you all to write, call, or tell me anything you can think of, for Ring Tales. I'll even be glad to take your ads and relay them. After all, Ring Tales lives and breathes off ads, didn't you know? Its success is dependent on each and every one of you. In fact, this is how you can help your club grow stronger... through your club paper.

Bye now. Be good.. and think PURPLE!

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Ch. Belden Bali Hi

Stumpy Acres Sabuh of Belden

Ch. Belden Bajara

POPSPECTING!!!

Ch. Tajmir Gunsmoke of Mecca

Cannonade Blue Dhalia

Ch. Crown Crest Miss Universe

Joe Cannon o o o o o o o o o 933-7444

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JUVENILE CATARACTS IN  
AFGHAN HOUNDS

by Roy Horn

As some of you are aware we are faced with an increasing number of authenticated cases of juvenile cataracts in Afghan Hounds. It is extremely important that we try to understand as much of this problem as possible so that we may avoid the resultant panic that often follows the announcement of a situation such as this. Finger-pointing has already begun. In conversations with many of our top breeders the week-end of the Parent Club Specialty, I found that they were more interested in trying to place blame than in trying to help find the means to control the juvenile cataract problem. Only by strong and rigid controls can we overcome this menace to our breed. In the authenticated cases to date, there is no one dog nor one line that has been responsible for transmitting this defect. The Afghans in the United States can be traced back to just a few dogs so though you may have escaped any sign of juvenile cataracts so far, you may find it in your next litter.

Recently, the Afghan Hound Club of California had as their guest speaker, Dr. Ralph Vierheller, DVM. Dr. Vierheller is an eye specialist and authority on all aspects of eye problems. He stated that juvenile cataracts normally develop between the ages of one and six years in a dog and that there is no test that can be performed on young stock to see if they are going to develop juvenile cataracts or Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA). Generally both eyes are involved but it is not unusual for only one eye to be afflicted. Dr. Vierheller said that to date there has been no research done on Afghan Hounds in the field of juvenile cataracts but that the problem has been studied in other breeds. The inherited mode has not been resolved though

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the gene (if it exists as such) is felt not to be DOMINANT but may be a DUAL RECESSIVE. The cataracts are so far neither color nor sex linked though of course, close breeding will certainly bring out the tendency if it is in the line.

Connie Miller has told us that this Spring there will be a controlled and professionally supervised BLIND to BLIND test breeding. The litter will not be registered but will be reported to the American Kennel Club. Although the names of the blind dogs used in the test breeding will not be made public, all of the results will be made available to all that are interested. In the meantime, the committee is making complete studies of all the pedigrees of affected dogs that are now in their files. If any of you know of a case of juvenile cataracts, please send me the name of the dog and a 4 generation pedigree. I will send the information on to the committee. Please don't think that we here in the East are not involved. There is, at this moment, a blind dog not more than 25 miles from our meeting site. Let us all band together and do everything possible to help erase this serious problem from the breed we love. On Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12, the Mid-West Afghan Hound Club will sponsor a symposium on juvenile cataracts. The meeting will be in Youngstown, Ohio. If anyone is interested in attending, please get in touch with me for more details. For those of you that cannot attend, I will have a further report after that date.

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THE RING STEWARD

by Lynne Schanzle

There must be 2 ring stewards for each judge; one to give out arm bands, check off numbers as the dogs enter the ring, and report absentees to the judge (and to the other steward so he/she may call for the dogs). The other steward must mark the stewards catalog and see that the judges book is properly kept, assist in distributing ribbons, trophies, and money (if any).

A steward must not refer to a person or dog by name to the judge, the

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Footnote about cleanup - in or out of ring - call for "the cleanup man to ring number " and listen for the loudspeaker to relay this. Several calls are usually needed. Meanwhile place a chair over the mess to avoid it being tracked all over.

The official photographer must be called for also. Do so slightly before needed so that judging is not held up while awaiting the photographer.

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THE BLANCOS OF STUMPY ACRES, Reg.

and

CH. STUMPY ACRES SPELL BINDER

offer congratulations to Joe Cannon on his Spell Binder daughter, Stumpy Acres Silver Sandals, winning a major at the Garden - "68"

Stumpy Acres has a show litter. Cream black mask pups.

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.....and now, ONCE UPON A TIME, some Afghans were attending their club meeting, and after the business was taken care of, the president asked the members what they wished for extertainment; at which each Afghan began to speak in friendly terms to each other, shaking hands and praising themselves and their human companions, having a jolly friendly get together, which proved the best entertainment of all. So be it.

- Joan Blanco

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